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This is a pretty picture in itself, is it not? But it is still more pretty in that which it suggests—the love of two sisters for each other. For I think it must be that these two girls are very fond of each other. Their love for one another makes them happy, more happy than they could be

It is very delightful when children are happy together. It is very sad when a family, where peace and love ought to reign, is made unhappy by quarrels and unkindness.

Awhile ago I spent a Sabbath at a friend's house where there was quite a family of children. What pleased me very much was that during all the time that I was there I did not hear any cross tones or any disputes between these brothers and sisters. They enjoyed each other's company, but there was not the sus-Picion of a quarrel. Perhaps You say there ought not to have been anything like dis-Puting on Sunday anyway. That is true enough. The Sabbath ought to be a day of Peace. But I judged from the nanner of these children towards each other that they were never quarrelsome.

That is as it should be in families. There is no reason in the world why brothers and sisters should not live together in harmony and peace. But sometimes we do not find this to be the case. In some homes there seems to be nothing but contention from morning to night. There is perpetual quarrelling. John will not let Jane look at his new geography, and so Jane tries to snatch the book. It is as

John wants some stitching done on the sails of a boat he is making. But he was disobliging about his geography, and so Jane retaliates by re-

Having our own way and being disobliging does not make us happy. Any boy or girl guilty of such conduct feels at heart the wrongfulness of it. When we know in our conscience that we are wrong we cannot be happy.

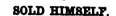
Now the way to correct this evil when it exists in any family is for each one to firmly resolve to do all up when he finds that you don't mind

In the same way, Jane, if John teases you—and you know that boys are, as you girls say, "horrid teases" —the best way for you is not to mind it. Take the teasing good-naturedly. There is nothing that makes teasing fall so flat as to find that it don't tease. No boy will care to keep it

rate, you will be far more happy than if you yielded to the impulse to quarrel. Perhaps your example will work through the whole family, just as leaven works through the dough when bread is being made. The experiment is worth trying.

And that you may not fail, you need the strength that God only can that he can to keep the peace. It him. He will vote you "real jolly" give. Ask him for that strength

every day; yes, ask him for it whenever the temptation comes to be disobliging or quarrelsome or unloving.



A CORRECTIONVILLE farmer sold a load of corn in that town one day. When it was weighed he slyly stepped on the scales, and then drove off to unload. When the empty waggon was weighed he took good care not to be in it, and congratulated himself that he had cheated the buyer in good shape. The grain-dealer called him in, and after figuring up the load paid him in full.

As the farmer buttoned up his coat to go out, the buyer kindly asked him to smoke with him, and then talked over the crops and the price of hogs, and the likelihood of the Maple Valley railroad building up that way, until the farmer fairly squirmed in his chair with uneasiness about his chores at home. At last he could stand it no longer, and said he must go. The dealer quietly said that it was not to be thought of, that he had bought the farmer at full weight, and paid him his own price, and that he would insist on doing as he pleased with his own property. The raiser of corn

in one sense at least. He acknowledged his cheat and compromised the affair.

A good many boys sell themselves at a still cheaper rate. The boy who lies, cheats, swears, or steals, sells himself to sin and Satan; and though he



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torn before they are through. That So, John, you can make up your mind and girls, that you have this matter is no way for a brother and sister to that no matter how disobliging Jane in your own hands. So far as each act towards each other. By-and-bye may be inclined to be, you will not one of you is concerned yours may be retaliate by being ugly in return. a happy and harmonious family. You may be sure that when she comes You can be kind and loving towards to think of it she will be uncomfort the others, no matter how they able over it, and she will be all the may be towards you. If you are fusing to do anything to "his old more uncomfortable if you are not cross found to be thus kind it will help to may not get his pay, the buyer is sails." Of course both are unhappy and resentful because of her conduct. make the others kind too. At any likely to hold on to his purchase. Of course both are unhappy, and resentful because of her conduct. make the others kind too. At any likely to hold on to his purchase.

likely as not that the book will be always takes two persons to quarrel. and let you alone. So you see, boys saw that he had indeed sold himself,